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60 Plus Association Endorses Medicare Reform Bill

ARLINGTON, VA—Jim Martin, President of the 60 Plus Association, a network of 4.5 million seniors, strongly endorsed the Conference Committee Report on HR 1, to strengthen Medicare by adding a prescription drug benefit.

"The bill makes available much needed assistance to millions of seniors who lack any prescription drug coverage. Significantly, those who can least afford to pay will get the most help," he said.

Martin said that passage of the prescription drug bill was the highest priority for the 60 Plus Association and would be reflected in the group's Congressional Scorecard for Senators and Representatives in the 108th Congress.

"I worked on Capitol Hill when Medicare passed with bipartisan support in 1965. I was Chief of Staff to Congressman Edward J. Gurney (R-FL), who voted for it. We now have another historic opportunity to help our seniors. I urge Congress to act in a similar bipartisan manner and quickly pass this legislation to provide a long overdue affordable prescription drug benefit for the elderly," Martin concluded.

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60 Plus is a 10-year-old nonpartisan group with a less government, less taxes approach to seniors' issues. 60 Plus has become one of the fastest growing seniors groups in the country, doubling then tripling its support in the past year. 60 Plus can now call on support from nearly 4.5 million citizen lobbyists to print and mail millions of letters and petitions. 60 Plus publishes a newsletter, SENIOR VOICE, and a SCORECARD, bestowing a GUARDIAN OF SENIORS' RIGHTS award on lawmakers in both parties who vote "pro-senior." 60 Plus has been called "an increasingly influential lobbying group for the elderly..."